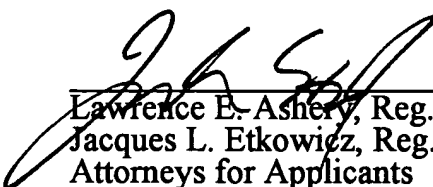


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Claims 15-16 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph. This rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claims 15-16 and 19-20.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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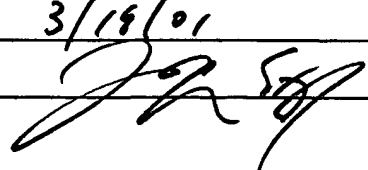
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CLAIMS:

Claims 15, 16, 19 and 20 have been cancelled.